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Minutes 05/10/2011

Tri-Community Working Group Meeting Minutes -- 5/10/2011

The Tuesday, May 10, 2011 meeting of the Tri-Community Working Group for Flooding Issues was held at 6:00 pm, in the second-floor meeting room of Arlington Town Hall.

Attending:

Will Brownsberger

Wayne Chouinard

Elsie C. Fiore

Roger Frymire

Ellen Mass

Martha Moore

Owen O'Riordan

Michael Rademacher

Stephen Revilak

Clarissa Rowe

Annie Thompson

Catherine Daly-Woodbury

Approval of Feb. 8, 2011 Meeting Minutes

The Feb. 8, 2011 Meeting Minutes were approved.

Posting of Meeting Minutes to Arlington Town Website

Once approved, meeting minutes should be posted on the Arlington town website. Approved minutes should be sent to Fran Reidy for posting.

Belmont Uplands

Martha Moore, of the Belmont conservation commission talked about the Belmont Uplands development project, and passed out copies of the Belmont Citizen's Forum, Vol. 12 No. 3.

Since the developer (O'Neill Properties) purchased the land, the project has gone from commercial development, to upscale housing, to Section 40-B housing. The land parcel lies in both Belmont and Cambridge, and the project was started sometime around 2001-2002. The project area is a spongy hill, which provides water storage and a habitat for wildlife.

The Belmont conservation commission hired Horsley and Witten to study the development proposal. Horsley and Witten found shortcomings in the project's design, and in the project's analysis of site data.

The project is currently undergoing DEP adjudicatory review, in Massachusetts superior court. The superior court decision is expected later this month.

Ellen Mass provided additional documentation on floodway analysis and NFIP requirements.

Discovery Park

Annie Thompson gave a presentation on Discovery Park development. There are plans for approximately 500,000 square feet of residential development in and around the site of the "Faces" building along Route 2. FEMA zoning of this area has changed since the project started, and the project will need to comply with the new FEMA maps. A FEMA mitigation specialist has stated that compliance will be difficult to achieve.

Other Business

Blair Pond. Blair Pond dredging is scheduled to begin this fall.

MWRA Annual Memorandum. Clarissa Rowe is trying to get a copy of the MWRA annual memorandum posted to the Arlington town website.

Cambridge CSO Separation. Work continues on Cambridge's CSO separation project. CAM400 is completely closed, and now discharges only storm water.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:20 pm.